

October 29, 2025

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

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Resolution 2025-052, Airport Grant

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign Resolution 2025-052, a resolution authorizing the Coshocton County Commissioners to apply to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, for an Ohio Airport Improvement Program Grant for SFY 2026.

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Bigrigg yea

Access Agreement with Land Bank for 328 Chestnut Street

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the Access Agreement between the Coshocton County Land Reutilization Corporation and the Coshocton County Board of Commissioners for the removal of a vacant and blighted structure through the Ohio Department of Development's Demolition Grant at the property located at 328 Chestnut Street, Auditor Parcel Number 0431510229600.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Access Agreement with Land Bank and 324 Chestnut Street

Mr. Bigrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer to sign the Access Agreement between the Coshocton County Land Reutilization Corporation and the Coshocton County Board of Commissioners for the removal of a vacant and blighted structure through the Ohio Department of Development's Demolition Grant at the property located at 324 Chestnut Street, Auditor Parcel Number 0430000460800.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Access Agreement with Land Bank and 318 Chestnut Street

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bigrigg to sign the Access Agreement between the Coshocton County Land Reutilization Corporation and the Coshocton County Board of Commissioners for the removal of a vacant and blighted structure through the Ohio Department of Development's Demolition Grant at the property located at 318 Chestnut Street, Auditor Parcel Number 043000046090.

Vote: Shryock	yea
Fischer	yea
Bigrigg	yea

Discussion-Linn Street Closure Meeting, Tuscarawas Township/McWane Ductile

At 9:30 a.m., a discussion regarding the closure of Linn Street took place with the following individuals present: Commissioners Dane Shryock, Robert Bigrigg, and Gary Fischer; Mrs. Mary Beck; Mr. Don Wells, Mr. Chuckie Selders, and Mr. Larry Wilkins, Tuscarawas Township Trustees; and representatives from McWane, including Mr. Tom Crawford, Mr. Sean Helton, Mrs. Beth Mullens, and Mr. Jason Pauch.

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Mr. Tom Crawford of McWane explained that the company plans to close Linn Street as part of Clow's expansion project. The existing buildings in the area will be torn down to allow for reconfiguration of space, with plans to use the closed portion of Linn Street for parking and storage. McWane owns the corner property adjacent to the site and intends to begin utilizing it in the future. Mrs. Beth Mullens added that while no work has begun yet, the area will be barricaded prior to construction, and fencing will be installed from behind the fire station to the current Clow fence line.

Mr. Crawford stated that the purpose of this meeting was to inform local officials of the project and to gather any feedback or concerns. Mr. Don Wells, Chairman of the Tuscarawas Township Trustees, expressed full support for the project, noting that McWane's continued expansion benefits the community. He reported no issues with the proposed closure. Mr. Crawford also mentioned McWane's continued interest in purchasing and improving surrounding properties for future use.

Commissioner Shryock expressed appreciation for McWane's investment in the community, noting that the company provides more than 600 jobs with competitive wages, contributing significantly to the local economy. He highlighted McWane's \$35 million annual payroll and \$155,684.80 in property taxes, with over \$7,000 going directly to Tuscarawas Township. He commended McWane for its community involvement and partnership.

Mr. Crawford discussed a recent challenge in maintaining a skilled labor force, citing competition from regional data centers that are attracting workers away from manufacturing. McWane currently employs nine skilled laborers but ideally needs twenty-four. He noted that while local vocational programs, such as the JVS partnership, bring in two students per year, the program has not yet seen significant success. McWane offers a three-year apprenticeship program with competitive pay, nearing \$40 per hour, and collaborates with IBEW to strengthen training opportunities. Mr. Crawford mentioned that this shortage of skilled labor may also be affecting other companies such as Kraft and Cleveland-Cliffs.

Commissioner Shryock observed that the recent growth of data centers is part of a larger trend driven by the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence (AI) technology. Ohio is positioning itself as a national hub for this industry. When asked how this might impact the county, Commissioner Shryock explained that Coshocton County lacks countywide zoning authority, as zoning is handled individually by each township. Mrs. Mary Beck noted that this makes the county "ripe for the picking." Commissioner Shryock added that the upgrades to local substations have made the area attractive for AI-related development, with three new buildings planned and room for additional expansion. However, data centers typically employ only about twenty-five people.

Mr. Crawford shared that McWane's Poles Division continues to experience strong growth, currently a \$100 million operation projected to double in size over the next ten years. Expansion will be necessary in the next three to five years due to limited available land. He reaffirmed McWane's commitment to being a responsible community member, emphasizing that the company has never sought tax abatements, even for its \$50+ million expansion project. He stated that McWane's "lifeline is the community and its people," and the company strives to support local colleges and trade schools to develop future employees.

Commissioner Bigrigg praised McWane as exemplary community stewards, noting that their employees are actively involved on local boards and within the community, which adds significant value.

Mr. Chuckie Selders raised a concern regarding potential runoff water issues as the expansion progresses, suggesting that the additional development could increase water accumulation to the south of the plant. He recommended consideration of a retention pond to address this issue. He also mentioned that completing the second drainage line next year could further help mitigate stormwater problems, noting that water runoff typically becomes an issue only during heavy rain events.

Mrs. Mullens explained that McWane's engineering team is conducting extensive studies on the matter, and preliminary findings show that the site's topography does not direct significant runoff toward the affected area. She assured everyone that the company will work with the appropriate regulatory agencies to ensure proper engineering and environmental compliance. Mrs. Beck added that the township board will continue to review this matter in coordination with the county engineer's office. Mr. Crawford

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confirmed that if any issues arise due to McWane's activities, the company would take responsibility for addressing them. Commissioner Shryock suggested potential funding opportunities, such as through CDBG grants, if needed.

Mr. Wells remarked that stormwater behavior is largely determined by science and natural conditions. Mr. Crawford emphasized that McWane works closely with the EPA, particularly regarding stormwater management requirements. Mrs. Mullens reiterated that the company is committed to following all appropriate procedures.

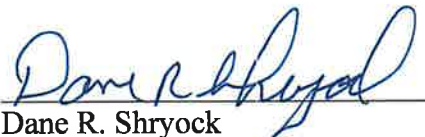
The meeting concluded with appreciation expressed by all parties for McWane's transparency, investment, and ongoing partnership with Coshocton County and Tuscarawas Township.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Bigrigg attended the Coshocton Visitors Bureau (CVB) on Tuesday, October 28th.

Adjourn

Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.


 Dane R. Shryock


 Robert W. Bigrigg


 Gary L. Fischer


 Clerk